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REQUEST MADE TO "LEONID" BY "THE NEIGHBOUR" THROUGH  
 "MAKSIM" FOR EXPERT ANALYSIS OF HANDWRITING.

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As you will know, the wife of URJEVSKIJ who was recalled hanged herself last year. LEONID<sup>[i]</sup> reported to me that [1 group unrecovered] the Neighbour [SOSED]<sup>[ii]</sup> [C% here] passed to him through MAKSIM<sup>[iii]</sup> for expert analysis two notes written by URJEVSKIJ's wife before her death and a specimen of U.'s<sup>[iv]</sup> own handwriting, as the Neighbour had detected a similarity in the handwritings of husband and wife. LEONID then reported the result of the expert analysis to MAKSIM and the Neighbour. The latter told LEONID that the notes could be burnt.

Inasmuch as LEONID has kept the documents, and U. is a Neighbour's man, telegraph whether I should send them to you at the earliest opportunity or return them to the Neighbour with an indication that we consider a special expert analysis of the handwritings essential. LEONID and I are in agreement that a similarity in the handwritings of these texts does exist.

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MAY [MAJ][v]

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- Comments: [i] LEONID: Vasilij Kuz'mich KRASNJKOV.  
[ii] SOSED: a member of the Red Army Intelligence Service.  
[iii] MAKSIM: possibly Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN.  
[iv] U.: i.e. URJEVSKIJ.  
[v] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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